

REMARKS

Initially, this application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/591,328 filed on June 9, 2000 which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/925,805 filed September 9, 1997.

Second, the Specification has been amended to correct some minor informalities and to correlate with the amended Specification of the parent applications.

Claims 2-23 have been canceled, claim 1 remains in the present application for continuity purposes and new claims 24-34 have been added for consideration on the merits.

Claims 24-34 are believed allowable over the prior art references since none of the surgical devices of the past teach or suggest such a novel combination of elements contained within these claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the claims in the present application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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